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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MTN, ETRD, CO
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: RESTRICTIONS ON
IMPORT OF HEAVY TRUCKS

REF: A) BOGOTA 6642, B) STATE 190664, C) PASTORINO/GRAHAM
TELECON OF AUG 8, 1978

1. ACCORDING GOC OFFICIALS, BASIC LEGAL
JUSTIFICATION FOR ISSUANCE OR NON-ISSUANCE OF IMPORT LICENSES
IS LAW 444 OF 1969 WHICH REGULATES ALMOST ALL ASPECTS OF
COLOMBIAN FOREIGN TRADE. THIS ALLOWS INCOMEX (INSTITUTE
OF FOREIGN TRADE) TO CONTROL IMPORTS THROUGH LICENSING SYSTEM.
UNDER THIS LAW INCOMEX AND INTER-AGENCY FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL
HAVE FLEXIBILITY IN PLACING ARTICLES ON PREVIOUS LICENSE LIST
OR ON FREE LIST.

2. WITH REGARD TO PROVISIONAL ACCESSION TO GATT AND
PROHIBITION AGAINST QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, INCOMEX
OFFICIALS STATE GOC SENT LETTER TO GATT LAST WEEK OF JULY
INFORMING GATT OFFICIALLY OF GOC'S NON-ACCESSION. DECISION
WAS MADE DURING LAST DAYS OF LOPEZ ADMINISTRATION AND
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ACCORDING TO GOOD SOURCE WITHIN INCOMEX, FOREIGN TRADE
COUNCIL MADE NO DECISION ON WHETHER GOC WOULD CONTINUE
PROVISINAL STATUS UNDER JULY 23, 1975 OR NOVEMBER 1976
AGREEMENTS LETTER REPORTEDLY STATED ONLY THAT GOC WOULD
CONTINUE PARTICIPATE IN MTN.

3. COMATT BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF TRUCK IMPORTS RESTRICTION

DIRECTLY WITH DIRECTOR OF INCOMEX DURING BILATERAL TEXTILE
TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY ON AUGUST 3. DIRECTOR ACKNOWLEDGED
RECEIPT OF EMBASSY LETTER (SEE PARA 4, REFTEL) AND JUSTIFIED
RESTRICTION ON SAME BASIS AS PARA 2 REFTEL A. EMBASSY UNDER-
STANDS CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS LOGGED STRONG FORMAL PROTEST
BUT DID NOT RECEIVE ANY ANSWER.

4. INCOMEX DIRECTOR AND OTHER KEY POLICY-MAKERS EXPECTED TO
BE REPLACED DURING FIRST DAYS OF TURBAY ADMINISTRATION. THUS
ANSWER TO EMBASSY'S LETTER OR FUTURE DEMARCHE MAY BE DELAYED
DUE TO PERSONNEL CHANGES AND POLICY REVIEW. EMBASSY WILL
CONTINUE PRESS FOR ANSWER AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS.
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